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FROM OMEGA TEAM

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SUBJ: OMEGA AUSTRALIA NEGOTIATIONS

REF: A. STATE 298963, B. CANBERRA 8851

1. APPRECIATE PROMPT RESPONSE (REF A) TO OUR REQUEST FOR FURTHER INSTRUCTIONS (REF B). WILL CONTINUE TO PUSH FOR INCLUSION OF QTE AND SERVICES END QTE IN PARA 9.

2. REQUEST CLARIFICATION, HOWEVER, OF INSTRUCTIONS IN PARA (1) D REGARDING DESIRABILITY OF ELEMENT OF RECIPROCITY. WHILE NEGOTIATING MANDATE DRAWS DISTINCTION BETWEEN FORMULATION RECOGNIZING RECIPROCAL RIGHTS AND UNILATERAL AUSTRALIAN RIGHT TO SUSPEND OR CEASE OPERATIONS, (THE DISTINCTION BETWEEN FALLBACK OPTIONS 3 AND 4), THE FORMULATION WE ARE NOW WORKING WITH IS ONE OF OBLIGATION - THE OBLIGATION TO CONSULT IF A CESSATION IS REQUIRED. THE LANGUAGE PROPOSED BY DEPARTMENT IN REF A, PARA (1) D WOULD IMPOSE THE OBLIGATION ON THE USG
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TO CONSULT WITH AUSTRALIA, BUT NOT WITH ANY OTHER HOST

OMEGA NATION (JAPAN, NORWAY, ETC.) IF WE WISHED TO TEMPORARILY CLOSE DOWN HAWAII OR NORTH DAKOTA STATIONS. THIS WOULD NOT BE IN US INTEREST AND WOULD BE DISCRIMINATING VIS-A-VIS OTHER OMEGA HOST COUNTRIES.

3. IN OUR OPINION THERE ARE THREE POSSIBLE OPTIONS: (A) THE FORMULATION GIVEN REF B, PARA 3, WHICH IMPOSES UNILATERAL OBLIGATION ON AUSTRALIAN GOVERNMENT, EXPLICITLY MENTIONED. (B) A FORMULATION ALONG FOLLOWING LINES WHICH IMPOSES UNILATERAL OBLIGATION ON AUSTRALIAN GOVERNMENT, BUT DOES NOT EXPLICITLY MENTION THAT GOVERNMENT: QTE THE AUSTRALIAN AND UNITED STATES GOVERNMENTS SHALL USE THEIR BEST ENDEAVORS TO ENSURE THE CONTINUOUS OPERATION OF THEIR RESPECTIVE FACILITIES IN PHASE WITH THE WORLDWIDE OMEGA SYSTEM AND AGREE TO CONSULT URGENTLY IF AN EMERGENCY SITUATION SHOULD REQUIRE THE FACILITY TO CEASE OPERATION TEMPORARILY. END QTE (C) A REDRAFT OF THE SENTENCE AS A STATEMENT OF RIGHTS WITH ELEMENT OF RECIPROCITY ALONG LINES OF EXAMPLE GIVEN IN NEGOTIATING INSTRUCTIONS OPTION 3.

4. OF THE THREE WE WOULD RECOMMEND (A) AS THE FORMULATION WHICH MOST CLEARLY EXPRESSES U.S. RESIDUAL RIGHTS AND INTERESTS IN CONTINUOUS OPERATION OF THE STATION AND, AT THE SAME TIME, IS MOST POLITICALLY ADVANTAGEOUS TO GOA, BUT COULD LIVE WITH EITHER OF OTHER TWO. PLEASE ADVISE.

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